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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY FRENCH DIPLOMAT ON EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO
MEDIATE OVER TFAI

REF: USUN 706

1. DURING CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 27, FRENCH DIPLOMAT IN
CAIRO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT NATURE OF EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO
MEDIATE FRENCH SOMALIA DISPUTE OVER TFAI REMAIN
RATHER IMPRECISE. HE SAID DEP. PRIMMIN/FONMIN FAHMY
HAS OFFERED EGYPTIAN LIAISON WITH FRENCH EMBASSY CAIRO
DURING UPCOMING ARAB LEAGUE (AL) MEETING TO DISCUSS
FUTURE OF TFAI. FRENCH EMBOFF STATED THAT, ACCORDING
TO HIS EGYPTIAN SOURCES, POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
FRENCH AND SOMALIS OVER TFAI QUESTION FIRST RAISED UNOFFICIALLY
IN NEW YORK BY FRENCH PERMREP DE GUIRINGAUD, BUT FRENCH
WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY SUDDEN DECISION OF AL TO
DISCUSS DJIBOUTI QUESTION IN CAIRO AND HASTY EFFORTS OF
GOE TO INTERPOSE ITSELF BETWEEN AL STATES AND FRENCH.

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2. FRENCH EMBOFF STATED THAT FAHMY HAD INFORMED FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE LEUSSE THAT, DUE TO SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP OF FRENCH TO ARAB STATES, NEITHER AL NOR GOE WISH TO SEE DISPUTE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND FRANCE GET OUT OF HAND. FRENCH EMBOFF STATED THAT NO EFFORT CURRENTLY BEING MADE BY GOE OR AL TO INVOLVE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY CAIRO IN NEGOTIAIONS (QUITE TO CONTRARY, DELIBERATE EFFORT BEING MADE TO FREEZE OUT ETHIOPIANS LOCALLY) AND THAT AL DISCUSSION ON TFAI TO FOCUS ON QUESTION OF FRENCH-SPONSORED REFERENDUM AND NOT ON REPERCUSSIONS OF LOYADA INCIDENT.

3. FRENCH EMBOFF OPINED THAT SOMALIS OF LATE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FOCUS ARAB ATTENTION ON ISSUE OF UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE FOR TFAI. SOMALIS WERE INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED BY SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN WRANGLING OVER ISSUE OF ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND ARAB PREOCCUPATION WITH POTENTIAL CONFLICT OVER SAHARA ISSUE. FOR THIS REASON, SOMALIA, IN VIEW OF FRENCH EMBASSY CAIRO, CALLED FOR AL DISCUSSION OF DJIBOUTI QUESTION WHICH PROMPTED GOE INTERCESSION WITH FRENCH EMBASSY CAIRO. FRENCH BELIEVE THAT RECURRENT RUMORS CONCERNING RENEWED PRESENCE OF ISRAELI OF ISRAELI MILITARY ADVISORS IN ADDIS ABABA WAS IN ALL PROBABILITY SOMALI PROVOCATION DESIGNED TO RIVET ARAB ATTENTION ON SITUATION IN HORN OF AFRICA. FRENCH IN CAIRO DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ETHIOPIANS HAVE RESTORED CONTACTS (EVEN IN SECRET) WITH ISRAEL, BUT RATHER THAT, SOMALIA CASTING FOR ISSUE WHICH WILL GALVANIZE ARAB OPINION BEHIND SOMALI POSITION. EILTS

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